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In re: the Application of: Conklin et al

Examiner: Susanna MeineckeDiaz

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Art Unit: 3623

Serial No.: 09/702,050

For: System and Method for Contract Authority

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Petition to Expedite under 37CFR 1.182 and Authorization to charge deposit account

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the enclosed Petition to Revive a Patent Abandoned Unintentionally be expedited.

Applicants' hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee of \$400 for this Petition to Expedite and the fee of \$1,500 for the Petition to Revive to Applicants' attorney's deposit account Number 501696.

Respectfully submitted,

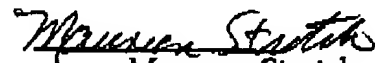


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action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration  
date of the period set for reply in the office notice or action plus an extensions of time actually obtained.**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications  
filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**☐ Small entity-fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☒ Other than small entity - fee \$ 1,500 (37 CFR 1.17(m))**2. Reply and/or fee**A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in  
the form of \_\_\_\_\_ (identify type of reply):☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_  
is enclosed herewith.B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ 1,370.00.☒ has been paid previously on 12/1/2004  
☐ is enclosed herewith.

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**3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee**

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/53).

**4. STATEMENT:** The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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**Additional Sheets Establishing Unintentional delay**

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Applicants paid the issue fee of \$1,370.00 for a large entity for this application on December 1, of 2004, but then withdrew it from issue in 2005 for consideration of additional art under a Request for Continued Examination in 2005.

This application was allowed again in 2006 and Applicant's attorney authorized the payment of \$30 for the balance due for a large entity on May 30, 2006. At the time this was sent, applicant's attorney's deposit account had a balance of \$200 which was more than sufficient for the fee due for this and for a co-pending application.

For some reason applicants' attorney does not understand, the Office erroneously attempted to charge Applicants' attorney's deposit account \$910 for the issue fee for the co-pending application, and since there was not that amount in the account, that application was deemed abandoned. Someone in the Office called applicants' attorney in June for this application and indicated that the balance in the deposit account was negative. Applicants' attorney replenished the deposit account on June 30, in the amount of \$2,400, in time for this fee to be paid for this application, and called the individual to indicate that the account now had sufficient funds. However, no one applied the funds to the payment and this application was held abandoned. However, fees for two other co-pending applications were accepted on August 1, 2006 and Oct. 26, 2006, but processed in two different ways.

Applicants respectfully request that this application be revived.

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